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BENJAMIN LOPEZ RAMIREZ, COUNSELOR, GOC MINJUSTICE.

REF: 76 DEA 21554 AND 26130; 76 BOGOTA 10826 AND 5675

SUMMARY: MISSION RENOMINATES DR. BENJAMIN LOPEZ FOR DEA EXECUTIVE
OBSERVATION PROGRAM. DR. LOPEZ WOULD BE PREPARED TO TRAVEL
TO US FOR 10 DAYS TO TWO WEEKS BEGINNING APRIL 4.

1. AS DEPARTMENT AND DEA AWARE, MISSION WAS OBLIGED TO CANCEL
DR. LOPEZ' PLANNED NOVEMBER 1976 PROGRAM BECAUSE OF HIS
RESIGNATION FROM PREVIOUS POST AS GOC VICE MINJUSTICE. LOPEZ,
HOWEVER, NEVER ACTUALLY, LEFT THE MINISTRY, BUT CONTINUED
TO SERVE AS COUNSELOR (A NEWLY CREATED POSITION) THROUGH
TWO QUICK CHANGES IN MINISTERS OF JUSTICE. IN DECEMBER-
PER ORDERS OF PRESIDENT LOPEZ-- HE WAS CONFIRMED AS COUNSELOR
OF THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, A POSITION THAT RANKS JUST BELOW
THAT OF THE MINISTER AND HIS DEPUTY.

2. AS COUNSELOR OF THE MINISTRY, LOPEZ CONTINUES TO CONCERN
HIMSELF WITH POLICY MATTERS, INCLUDING NARCOTICS CONTROL,
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AND REFORMS IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PENAL SYSTEM.
HE IS STILL CLOSELY INVOLVED IN DRAFTING NEW NARCOTICS LE-
GISLATION AND IN EFFORTS TO REFORM EXISTING CRIMINAL JUSTICE
STATUTES WHICH IMPACT UPON DRUG ENFORCEMENT.

3. BECAUSE DR. LOPEZ CONTINUES TO PLAY A KEY ROLE IN OUR
BILATERAL NARCOTICS PROGRAMS, MISSION RENOMINATES HIM FOR

THE EXECUTIVE VISITORS PROGRAM AS OUTLINED IN 76 BOGOTA 5675.
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